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Public access to Corps projects in Washington, Oregon, Idaho updated

Walla Walla, Wash. -- Updates to the security at facilities of the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, have made it possible to re-open some of the previously closed areas to the recreating public.

Though the Corps continues to operate under increased security measures to ensure the safety of the public, the workforce and facilities, security measures are sufficient to open some facilities on Jan. 12, according to agency officials today.

Security has been increased since Sept. 11, 2001. Measures are in place at the headquarters building, project offices, and all dams. The District operates eight dams in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. These facilities provide a range of services that vary by location and may include water management, power production, and navigation. Access to the dams is still restricted to official business only.

Roadways over all dams are still closed. The public should use state highway routes. All navigation locks remain open to commercial and recreational use.

Most of the campgrounds, parks, picnic and other recreation areas remain open to the public, except those areas that are accessed only by roadways at project offices or at dams or those that are typically closed for the winter.

Lake Wallula, McNary Lock and Dam, Umatilla, Ore. (541) 922-3211 -- The Oregon fish viewing room and the Pacific Salmon Visitor Center are open every day 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed is the Washington fish viewing room, navigation lock visitor center and lobby, and the McNary Dam powerhouse.

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SECURITY AT DAMS/2-2-2

- **Mill Creek, Bennington Lake, Walla Walla, Wash. (509) 527-7160** -- Reservoir Road, Bennington Lake and the area around the diversion spillway near Rooks Park is open to horses, bicycles and foot traffic from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Though construction on the dam will delay re-opening vehicle traffic to the lake, it will be open during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., starting Jan. 22.
- **Lake Sacajawea, Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, Burbank, Tri-Cities, Wash. (509) 547-7781** -- Ice Harbor Visitor Center, Fish Viewing Room, Project Office and the road over the dam is closed. The South and North shore boat ramps are open.
- **Lake West, Lower Monumental Lock and Dam, Kahlotus, Wash. (509) 751-0240 or (509) 547-7781**-- All facilities remain closed to the public.
- **Lake Bryan, Little Goose Lock and Dam, Starbuck, Wash. (509) 751-0240** -- The visitor center (fish viewing room) and fishing wall on the south shore below the dam will open to the public on Jan. 12 during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.
- **Lower Granite Lake, Lower Granite Lock and Dam, Pomeroy, Wash. (509) 751-0240** -- The visitor center, fish viewing room, juvenile fish facility visitor area will re-open on Jan. 12, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.
- **Dworshak Dam and Reservoir, Orofino, Idaho (208) 476-1255** -- Bruce's Eddy Recreation Area and A-Road access will re-open on Jan. 12. The Visitor Center will resume normal winter operating hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, closed on the weekends. Fishing access to the North Fork of the Clearwater River along the powerhouse road will be open up to the "Restricted Area" signs.
- **Lucky Peak Lake, Lucky Peak Dam and Reservoir, Boise, Idaho (208) 343-0671** -- The project office, the road across the dam, Barclay Bay and Turner Gulch are closed to public access. Access to the lake is available through Spring Shores Marina.

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